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SUBJ: REGULATIONS FOR SCCN MEETINGS OF CONSULTATIONS

1. PURSUANT TO RESOLUTIONS OF THE IA-ECOSOC AND OASGA,
CIAP MET MAY 30-31 TO CONSIDER DRAFT OF SUBJECT REGULATIONS.

2. U.S. SPOKESMAN MADE A STATEMENT POINTING OUT IMPORTANCE
WE ATTACH TO CONSULTATIONS, REAFFIRMING THE COMMITMENTS
WE UNDERTOOK IN IA-ECOSOC AT CARACAS IN FEBRUARY 1970 IN
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CONSULTATION (SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF CONSULTATION AND

NEGOTIATIONS); AND STATING OUR WILLINGNESS TO WORK OUT PRACTICAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE REGULATIONS. STATEMENT REFERRED TO IMPROVED ATMOSPHERE AND SPIRIT OF INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS AS A RESULT OF NEW DIALOGUE AND SUGGESTED THAT, IN KEEPING WITH THIS SPIRIT, REGULATIONS SHOULD (1) PERMIT BROADENING AREAS OF CONSULTATION; (2) FOCUSING NOT ONLY ON QUOTE RESTRICTIVE UNQUOTE U.S. MEASURES BUT ALSO ON MEASURES DESIGNED TO BENEFIT LATIN AMERICA SUCH AS GSP; (3) ENCOURAGE CONSULTATION WITHIN THE REGION ON GLOBAL PROBLEMS; AND (4) BE REALISTIC IN THE SENSE THAT THEY NOT ATTEMPT TO COMMIT ANYONE TO UNDERTAKINGS WHICH COULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT.

3. QUESTION NOW GOES TO SCCN WHICH WILL HOLD SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 17-19, IN WASHINGTON. U.S. WILL SUBMIT DRAFT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS INCORPORATING CRITERIA MENTIONED IN U.S. STATEMENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: AS APPROPRIATE, POSTS SHOULD SOUND OUT HOST COUNTRY REACTION TO CRITERIA SUGGESTED BY U.S. AND REPORT ATTITUDE LIKELY TO BE TAKEN IN SCCN. PLEASE INQUIRE AS TO DELEGATION WHICH HOST COUNTRY PLANS TO SEND TO SCCN MEETING BUT WITHOUT CREATING IMPRESSION WE ARE TRYING TO PROMOTE HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATION. (FYI. MOST COUNTRIES ARE LIKELY TO DESIGNATE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THEIR WASHINGTON MISSIONS. END FYI).

5. FOR MEXICO. U.S. DRAFT OF REGULATIONS IS SIMILAR TO MEXICAN PROPOSAL WITH ONLY SUCH CHANGES AS REQUIRED TO MEET U.S. CRITERIA. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO KNOW WHETHER MEXICO IS AMENABLE TO CHANGES WE ARE SUGGESTING BUT WE WANT TO AVOID CREATING THE IMPRESSION THAT THE REGULATIONS ARE A MAJOR CONCERN OF OURS OR THAT WE ARE TRYING TO WEAKEN MEXICAN PROPOSAL. SISCO

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